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SUBJ: 31ST UNGA - COLOMBIA'S ADDRESS IN THE GENERAL DEBATE

1. COLOMBIA'S FOREIGN MINISTER LIEVANO IN HIS ADDRESS, WHICH WAS NOTEWORTHY FOR ITS POETICAL AND ABSTRACT TONE, EMPHASIZED THE FOLLOWING:

(A) "LEGACY OF INEQUALITY" - LIEVANO NOTED THE NEGATIVE PRESS WHICH THE UN NOW ENJOYS IN POWERFUL NATIONS. HE CHALLENGED THE THOUGHT OF A FADING OF THE APPARENT GOLDEN AGE OF UN AS A MISCONCEPTION. HE STATED THAT THE POWERFUL NATIONS HAVE ENDEAVORED TO RETAIN THE OLD EAR BUT THE "LEGACY OF INEQUALITY" DOES NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT HISTORY FOR THE POWERFUL TO SUCCEED. HE SAID THE NEWER POWERS ARE DISTURBING INSTITUTIONS OF OLDER POWERS AND IT WAS ESSENTIAL TO HAVE THEIR PARTICIPATION IN OLDER INSTITUTIONS. THERE ARE THESE "DISTURBANCES" IN THE INSTITUTIONS BECAUSE THERE IS AN ABSENCE OF WORLD CONSENSUS ON ASPIRATIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY.

(B) INDIFFERENCE OF THE DEVELOPED - LIEVANO SAID THAT BECAUSE THERE IS A WEAKENING OF GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITY WITHIN THEIR OWN COUNTRIES, THE WEALTHY ARE TURNING INWARD AND ARE UNCLASSIFIED

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INDIFFERENT TO THE DEVELOPING NATIONS. LIEVANO ASKED WHAT CAN

THE WORLD HOPE TO EXPECT FROM THE POWERFUL NATIONS EXPERIENCING SUCH A CHANGE?

(C) MARKETS - HE SAID THAT THE AFFLUENT BENEFIT FROM AN INTERNATIONAL MARKET IN WHICH THEY MAINTAIN CONTROL. LIEVANO CONTINUED THAT THE AFFLUENT CANNOT WITH JUSTICE CITE AS "AGGRESSIVE" THE ACTS OF PRODUCERS OF THE WORLD TO DEFEND THEIR INCOMES, AS WAS DONE DURING THE ENERGY CRISIS. WHILE THE AFFLUENT OF THE WORLD CANNOT BE TOLD WHAT TO DO WITH THEIR MONIES, THEY MUST RESPECT THE FACT THAT THE DEVELOPING WORLD MAY EXERCISE THE SAME PREROGATIVES TO CARE FOR ITS OWN POPULATIONS. A NEW INTERNATIONAL DIVISION OF LABOR CANNOT BE POSTPONED. DEVELOPED NATIONS MUST OPEN THEIR MARKETS TO PRIMARY AND MANUFACTURED PRODUCTS. THE NATURE OF THESE RELATIONS AND THE ADJUSTMENTS IN TRADITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS THEY WILL REQUIRE WILL BE THE MAJOR SUBJECT OF INTERNATIONAL POLICY FOR THE REMAINDER OF THIS CENTURY.

(D) TERRORISM - TERRORISM MUST BE REPUDIATED; A SCHEME OF PUNISHMENT MUST BE DEVISED.

(3) OUTER SPACE - LIEVANO STRESSED THAT THERE MUST BE DEFINITIONS OF SPACE AND ITS USES. COLOMBIA AND OTHER EQUATORIAL NATIONS HAVE SPECIAL INTEREST IN THIS QUESTION. COLOMBIA SUPPORTS FREE TRANSIT IN SPACE WITH CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS.
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